



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

July 21, 2006

Applicant: Hironobu ICHIMARU

Title: PIPING STRUCTURE IN TIRE VULCANIZING MACHINE

Serial No.: 10/520 835

Group: 1722

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Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ [X] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☐ [ ] The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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☒ [X] Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by one month. The extension fee is: \$60.00.☒ [X] A Check for \$60.00 is enclosed to cover fees.☒ [X] Please credit any overpayment, or charge any additional filing fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 by this communication, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**RESPONSE**

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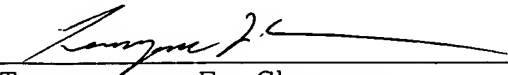
In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2006,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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